With the liberalisation process being adopted, coupled with the expected improvement in the international trade environment, the performance of Indian agriculture is likely to improve.

Decline in per Capita Consumption of Pulses

3312. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that per capita consumption of pulses has been declining gradually ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up pulses Technology Mission on the lines of oil seeds Technology Mission;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Per capita availability (Provisional) of Pulses during the past few years is as under :

Year	Qty. (in grams/day)
1987 . . .	36.4
1988 . . .	36.7
1989 . . .	41.9
1990 . . .	41.1
1991 . . .	41.6
1992 . . .	34.3
1993 . . .	36.6

(c) The availability of pulses depends upon the production of pulses. which fluctuate as they are cultivated mostly on marginal and sub-marginal lands under unirrigated conditions and on import of pulses, which depends upon international prices and availability.

(d) and (e) The production of pulses has been brought under the purview of Technology Mission on Oilseeds in the year 1990. A centrallly Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented with key comments such as seed, plant protection, inputs, frontline demonstration. sprinkler sets etc; to increase production of pulses.

(f) Does not arise.

Production of Crops for Exports

3313. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to encourage farmers to grow crops that can only be exported at high prices ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government have made any survey regarding this ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Development schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture focus on increasing the agricultural production which *inter-alia* increases the domestic availability and generates larger surpluses for export. To promote the export of agricultural products, the Ministry has taken initiatives to improve the productivity and the quality of the produce. Development schemes dealing with spices, cashew and floriculture have high export significance.

मसाला-फसलों के विकास के लिए विदेशी सहायता

3314. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्यप्रदेश सरकार ने मसाला-फसलों के विकास के लिये विदेशी-सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार को कोई योजना प्रस्तुत की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) उक्त योजना को स्वीकृति प्रदान न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?